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Note by the secretariat

Addendum

Summary

The present document contains additional proposed changes to the programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015 (see E/ESCAP/69/16 and Corr.1, and E/ESCAP/70/21), for which a legislative decision of the Commission is sought.

The proposed changes address mainly new mandates adopted after the Commission's endorsement of the programme of work for 2014-2015. The proposed changes will contribute towards the achievement of expected accomplishments and have no additional regular programme budget implications.

The Commission may wish to consider the proposed changes with a view to endorsing them for incorporation into the programme of work for 2014-2015.

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Proposed programme changes for the biennium 2014-2015

Output in the programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015	Proposed change	Justification
Subprogramme 1. Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development		
Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat:		
(a) Enhanced understanding among policymakers and other target groups of development trends, emerging issues, macroeconomic challenges and evidence-based policy options that promote economic growth, reduce poverty and narrow the development gaps		
(b) Enhanced regional voice in global development forums and strengthened regional economic and financial cooperation to exploit synergies for mutual benefit towards inclusive and sustainable development, including through South-South cooperation		
Substantive servicing of meetings:		
	Added: Ministerial Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Asia and the Pacific: plenary (2015) (RB) (4)	In pursuance of ESCAP resolution 70/1 on the implementation of the Bangkok Declaration on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Asia and the Pacific, the Ministerial Conference is scheduled to be held in 2015.
Parliamentary documentation:		
	Added: Ministerial Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Asia and the Pacific: report of the Ministerial Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Asia and the Pacific (2015) (RB) (1)	Ditto
	Added: Ministerial Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Asia and the Pacific: reports on major issues related to the Ministerial Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Asia and the Pacific (2015) (RB) (1)	Ditto
Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat:		
(a) Enhanced understanding among policymakers and other target groups of development trends, emerging issues, macroeconomic challenges and evidence-based policy options that promote economic growth, reduce poverty and narrow the development gaps		

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Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits:		
PB156670 ESCAP Policy Briefs (triannual) (2014, 2015) (RB/XB) (2)	*Modified to:* ESCAP Policy Briefs (6 issues in 2014, 6 issues in 2015) (RB/XB) (2)	With the reformulation of MPDD Policy Briefs to cover overall research and analytical work of ESCAP, an increase in the number of issues is proposed.
Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat:		
(c) Improved capacity of member States, particularly countries with special needs, to design and implement development policies for achieving the Millennium Development Goals and implementing the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries and internationally agreed development goals		
Parliamentary documentation:		
PB156642 ESCAP: report on issues related to least developed and landlocked developing countries (2015) (RB) (1)	*Modified to:* ESCAP: report on issues related to least developed, landlocked developing and Pacific island developing countries (2014, 2015) (RB) (2)	In pursuance of ESCAP resolution 69/1 on a conference structure of the Commission for the inclusive and sustainable development of Asia and the Pacific, consolidation of documents for the Special Bodies on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries and on Pacific Island Developing Countries is proposed.
PB156675 ESCAP: report on issues related to Pacific island developing countries (2014) (RB) (1)	*Delete*	Ditto
Subprogramme 8. Subregional activities for development		
Component 3: Subregional activities for development in North and Central Asia		
Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat:		
(a) Increased capacity of ESCAP member States to formulate and implement development policies and programmes, including those with a gender dimension, that address transport and trade facilitation and water, energy and the environment		
Field projects:		
PB156756 Strengthening national development policies for the attainment of internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (2014-2015) (XB) (1)	*Delete*	The output duplicates PB156696 under Subprogramme 1 [Field project on strengthening capacity of member States, in particular countries with special needs, in formulating and implementing policies and strategies for accelerating progress towards achievement of the Millennium Development Goals].

Output in the programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015	Proposed change	Justification
Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat:		
(b) Strengthened knowledge-sharing and partnerships among member States, regional organizations, civil society and other relevant development partners to address key priority areas in North and Central Asia to support the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals		
Field projects:		
PB156758 Improving the capacity to address socioeconomic and environmental implications of multi-hazard disasters and to identify policy options for intra- and intersubregional cooperation on disaster risk reduction (2014-2015) (XB) (1)	*Delete*	Lack of extrabudgetary funding.